

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 6 1201 ELM STREET, SUITE 500 DALLAS, TEXAS 75270

September 16, 2019

Mr. Greg Southworth Associate Director Offshore Operators Committee

Re: Treatment, Completion, and Workover Fluids Industry-Wide Study Plan Approval

GMG290000

Dear Mr. Southworth:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the revised, final study plan that was submitted on August 21, 2019 for the industry-wide well treatment, completion, and workover fluids toxicity study. The plan, as written, appears to meet the conditions of general permit number GMG290000 for an industry-wide study. We therefore approve the study plan and look forward to ongoing discussion on the preliminary results, and further testing.

If you have any questions or need further discussions regarding this study plan, please contact Mr. Brent Larsen of my staff at (214) 665-7523 or larsen.brent@epa.gov. Please note that since we have relocated to a new building, all written correspondence or reports should be mailed to the address listed on this letter.

We appreciate your efforts to develop this study plan and the cooperative environment we have been able to maintain.

Sincerely,

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Water Division